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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

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For: METHOD AND INJECTION MOLDING
MACHINE FOR PRODUCING INJECTION-
MOLDED ARTICLES, ESPECIALLY
TOOTHBRUSH BODIES OR TOOTHBRUSHES

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Examiner: Not Yet Known

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to applicants' Duty of Disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the material cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in the Search Report from PCT/EP98/08509, copy enclosed. Of the non-English language documents cited, DE 197 28 733 A, the whole document was cited as Category E (earlier document but published on or after the international filing date) with respect to claims 1-13, 15, 37-43. DE 26 09 854, the whole document, was cited as Category X (document of particular relevance; the claimed

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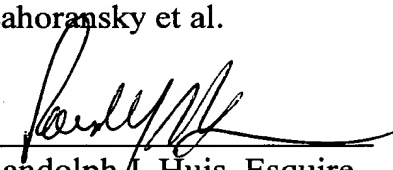
invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone), with respect to claims 1, 2, 9 and 43. WO 88 00675, and in particular page 7, paragraph 4 - page 8, paragraph 8, and Figure 6, was cited as Category A (document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance), with respect to claims 16, 20, 21, 24 and 26. DE 36 09 556, the whole document, was cited as Category A with respect to claims 16, 20, 21, 24, and 26. An English language abstract is also attached. DE 22 23 659 A, the whole document, was cited as Category A with respect to claims 26 and 27.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating his consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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